

Application No. 10/505,218
Art Unit: 3681

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
Attorney Docket No.: 042688

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 14 has been amended in order to properly designate the legend "Prior Art". A replacement sheet of Fig. 14 is submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6-11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 2-5, allowed, remain in this application.

Figure 14 should be labeled as --Prior Art--.

Accordingly, Fig. 14 has been amended in order to properly designate the legend "Prior Art". A corrected copy of Fig. 14 is submitted with this application.

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to because of the phrase "the present invention".

Accordingly, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended in order to delete the objectionable language. It is submitted that the amended Abstract of the Disclosure is now acceptable.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Walker (USP 5,019,755).

As noted above, claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, the above rejection should now be withdrawn.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 2-5 are allowed.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the outstanding objections and rejections in this case have been overcome. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn and that claims 2-5 be passed onto allowance.

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CONCLUSION

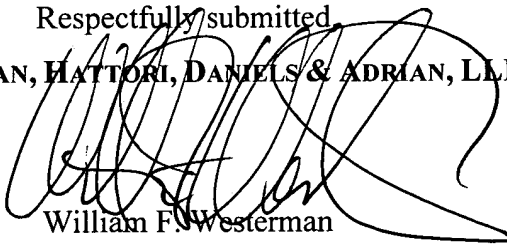
In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection and an indication of allowability of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'William F. Westerman', is written over the printed name and firm name.

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